

File  
DOE/023/013

Barnes-Phariss Associates  
444 South State St.  
Suite 305  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

July 27, 1983

JIM

JUL 27 1983

Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.  
Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
Department of Oil, Gas & Mining  
4241 State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

RECEIVED  
JUL 27 1983

DIVISION OF  
OIL GAS & MINING

Dear Sir:

We are writing to further define Western Strategic Minerals, Inc.'s (WSM) plan of operation for 1983. Due to the favorable results of WSM's sampling program, they are now planning to mine 5 - 7000 tons of ore in 1983 from their Thomas Caldera project. The bulk of this ore will be shipped to custom mills for bulk metallurgical testing, with the remainder being treated in a pilot heap leach onsite.

This increased activity is expected to use less than two acres. Therefore their Declaration of Exemption is still in effect. They are aware that if the two acre limitation is exceeded, a Notice of Intent to Commence Mining Operations and a Mining and Reclamation Plan must be filed. If the metallurgical testing proves successful, WSM plans to submit these documents.

In the meantime, your staff members and/or yourself are welcome to visit the operation. If you have any questions, feel free to call.

Respectfully yours,

BARNES-PHARISS ASSOCIATES

*John J. Trepanowski*

John J. Trepanowski  
Project Mining Engineer

JJT/dkm